

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-7 are pending. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended and claim 2 canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter found therein.

In paragraph 7, on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 2-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2 and claim 2 canceled. Thus, claims 1 and 3-7 are allowable.

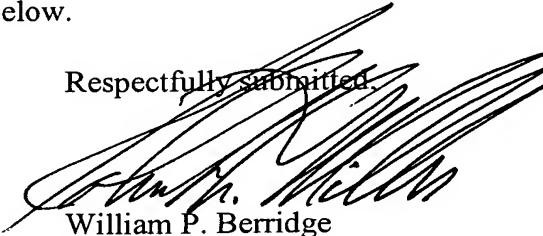
In paragraph 2, on page 2 of the Office Action, claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Humphrey, U.S. Patent No. 2,805,604; in paragraph 3, claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Campbell, U.S. Patent No. 5,044,278; and in paragraph 4, claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Marcon, U.S. Patent No. 3,072,021. The rejections have been rendered moot by the amendment to claim 1.

In paragraph 6, on page 3 of the Office Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Meyer, U.S. Patent No. 2,898,812, in view of Greenlees, U.S. Patent No. 3,094,932. The rejection has been rendered moot by the amendment to claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1 and 3-7 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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